

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph.

The present invention claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/277,336, filed March 20, 2001. The present application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/100,971, filed March 19, 2002, currently pending.

Please replace the Abstract on page 27 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a novel separator for use in a hydrocarbon cracking process and a novel spent catalyst stripping device and process wherein the separator includes a downcomer pipe having a vertical window for allowing the separated vapor to proceed upwardly through a vapor outlet duct and a bath tub container for containing and facilitating stripping of the separated spent catalyst.